GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:183
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2016
Fencing of Borders
Fatepara Shri Devajibhai Govindbhai

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases of smuggling of weapons/contrabands as well as infiltration of anti-nationals have been reported at the borders and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the border fencing in the Rann of Kutch and other places remained incomplete and the partitions erected long ago have collapsed and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government reviews the construction and upkeep/ maintenance of fencing from time to time and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the entire fencing work is likely to be completed at the borders?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*183 FOR 29.11.2016.

(a): The details of number of cases of smuggling of weapons/contrabands and cases of infiltration reported at the International Borders during the current year (upto October, 2016) is at Annexure.

(b): The border fencing in the Rann of Kutch remained incomplete as the site conditions were not found feasible for construction of fence due to marshy/water logged area. Parts of the fence erected in Rann of Kutch long ago has been damaged to some extent due to weather conditions, rains, floods, etc. The repair/maintenance of damaged fence is a continuous and on-going process.

(c): The construction and upkeep/maintenance of fencing is reviewed in Ministry of Home Affairs at various levels.

(d): The fence work along Indo-Pakistan Border is proposed to be completed by December, 2018 through physical or non-physical barriers. The ongoing fence work along Indo-Bangladesh Border (IBB) is targeted for completion by March, 2019. Further, along IBB, in the stretches in which site is not available, fence work will be completed in three years from the date of availability of encumbrance free site.

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